



PEW SHEET

Feast of the Transfiguration (transferred)

9th August 2026

Welcome to Saint John's Finch Street at the heart of the East Malvern community. This iconic sandstone church is home to a welcoming and hospitable community committed to the worship of God in beauty and holiness in the classical Anglican tradition as well as loving and joyful outreach as disciples of Jesus Christ.

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REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday

8:00am: Eucharist (Saint John's)
9:30am: Choral Eucharist (Saint John's)
9:30am: Sung Eucharist (Saint Agnes)
6:00pm: Choral Evensong
(Saint John's, First Sunday)
6:00pm: Evensong & Benediction
(Saint John's, Third Sunday)

Weekday Eucharists

10:00am: Tuesday (Saint Agnes)
10:15am: Friday (Saint John's)

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We acknowledge and respect the traditional custodians of this place and their stewardship of the land that now sustains us all and on which we worship the God of all Reconciliation and Hope

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The symbol ✠ indicates where the Sign of the Cross is customarily made. Text marked with 🎵 is sung together by both congregation and choir at 9:30am. The Mass Setting this morning is the 'Simple Communion Setting in F' by William Harris. Please stand when the bells are rung.

The Ministers and Choir enter while the Opening Hymn is sung.

OPENING HYMN

1. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
thy glory fills the night;
thy face and garments, like the sun,
shine with unborrowed light.
2. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
thy beauty to behold,
where Moses and Elijah stand,
thy messengers of old.
3. Fulfiller of the past,
promise of things to be,
we hail thy body glorified,
and our redemption see.
4. Before we taste of death,
we see thy kingdom come;
we fain would hold the vision bright,
and make this hill our home.
5. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
yet we may not remain;
but since thou bidst us leave the mount,
come with us to the plain.

*J Armitage Robinson 1858-1933
A&M 318 (TIS 234)*

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ Jesus said ‘This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.’

When Christ appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. As he is pure, all who have grasped this hope make themselves pure. So let us confess our sins that mar his image in us.

Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

♪ Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.
Christe eleison.	Christ, have mercy.	Christ, have mercy.
Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:
✠ pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GLORIA

♪ Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, *here it is customary to make a slight bow*
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, *here it is customary to make a slight bow*
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
Here it is customary to bow for the duration of the words 'receive our prayer'
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High
Jesus Christ, *here it is customary to make a slight bow*
with the Holy Spirit,
in the ✠ glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please sit. Before the Liturgy of the Word all children and their parents are invited to come forward to receive a prayer and blessing

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Daniel

[7.9-10, 13-14]

As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne;
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.
A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousand served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.
The court sat in judgement,
and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.
To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

[97]

Sung by the Choir at 9:30am

The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice:
let the multitude of islands be glad.

**Clouds and darkness are round about him:
righteousness and justice
are the foundation of his throne.**

Fire goes before him:
and burns up his enemies on every side.

**His lightnings light the world:
the earth sees it and quakes.**

The mountains melt like wax before his face:
from before the face of the Lord of all the earth.

**The heavens have proclaimed his righteousness:
and all peoples have seen his glory.**

They are ashamed, all those who serve idols
and glory in mere nothings:
all gods bow down before him.

**Zion heard and was glad,
and the daughters of Judah rejoiced:
because of your judgements, O God.**

For you, Lord, are most high over all the earth:
you are exalted far above all gods.

**The Lord loves those that hate evil:
the Lord guards the life of the faithful,
and delivers them from the hand of the ungodly.**

Light dawns for the righteous:
and joy for the true of heart.

**Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous:
and give thanks to his holy name.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the Second Letter of Peter.

[1:16-21]

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you
the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been

eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand and turn to face the Book of the Gospels.

GOSPEL

Alleluia, **alleluia,**

Suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him!' **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

[9.2-10]

Here it is customary to trace three small crosses on the forehead, lips and heart

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for

Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead could mean.

For the Gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE SERMON

The Sermon is followed by a time of reflection as the organist plays 'Two Pieces in Easy Style' (K77) by Domenico Scarlatti

THE PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM

The priest calls forward those to be baptised, with their parents and godparents

We welcome Raphael who comes to be baptised. I invite his parents and godparents to present him now.

We present Raphael Isaac Joel Adam to be baptised.

The priest says to the parents and godparents

Will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing this child for baptism?

I will.

Are you willing to answer on behalf of this child?

I am.

By your own prayers and example, by your friendship and love, will you encourage Raphael in the life and faith of the Christian community?

I will, with God's help.

Before God and this congregation, you must affirm that you turn to Christ and reject all that is evil:

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust?

I reject them all.

Do you renounce Satan and all evil?

I renounce all that is evil.

Almighty God deliver ☩ you from the powers of darkness, and lead you in the light of Christ to his everlasting kingdom. Amen.

Will you each, by God's grace, strive to live as a disciple of Christ, loving God with your whole heart, and your neighbour as yourself, until your life's end?

I will, with God's help.

The priest says to the congregation

You have heard these our brothers and sisters respond to Christ. Will you support them in this calling?

We will.

The priest prays these prayers

Grant, merciful God, that Raphael may be so buried with Christ in baptism that the new nature may be raised up in him. May the fruit of your Spirit grow and flourish in them. **Amen.**

Give to his parents and godparents the desire to share with him what you have revealed in your holy gospel. **Amen.**

May he know Christ's forgiving love and continue in the fellowship and service of his Church. May he proclaim, by word and example, the good news of God in Christ. **Amen.**

We thank you for the ministry we have in your world and to each other in the household of faith. Hasten that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in Christ. **Amen.**

The organ plays while the baptismal party, as well as any other members of the congregation who might wish, gather around the font. All stand and turn to face them

THE BAPTISM

At the place where the water for baptism is, the priest begins the thanksgiving.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks that at the beginning of creation your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters to bring forth light and life. With water you cleanse and replenish the earth; you nourish and sustain all living things. Through the

waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery into freedom, and brought them through the river Jordan to new life in the land of promise.

We give you thanks for your Son Jesus Christ: for his baptism by John, for his anointing with the Holy Spirit. Through the deep waters of death Jesus delivered us from our sins and was raised to new life in triumph. We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit who forms us in the likeness of Christ and leads us to proclaim your kingdom. And now we give you thanks that you have called Raphael to new birth in your Church through the waters of baptism.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and sanctify this ✠ water so that those who are baptised in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection. May they die to sin, rise to newness of life, and continue forever in Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we give you praise and honour in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

I now ask you to affirm as yours the faith of the Church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The priest says to the congregation

This is the faith of the Church

**This is our faith
We believe in one God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

The priest baptises the candidate by pouring water over him, saying

Raphael Isaac Joel, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

AFTER BAPTISM

The priest makes a cross with oil on the forehead of the newly baptised, saying

I sign you with the sign of the cross to show that you are marked as Christ's own for ever.

Live as disciples of Christ:
fight the good fight,
finish the race,
keep the faith.

**Confess Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
look for his coming in glory.**

The priest lights the baptismal candle, saying

God has brought you out of darkness into his marvellous light.
Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

The priest welcomes the newly baptised, saying

God has called you into his Church.

**We therefore receive and welcome you
as a member with us of the body of Christ,
as a child of the one heavenly Father,
and as an inheritor of the Kingdom of God.**

The newly baptised is welcomed with applause

GREETING OF PEACE

Christ will transfigure our human body
and give it a form like that of his own glorious body.

We are the body of Christ.
His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

We greet each other with a sign of Christ's peace.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

A collection is taken to support the life and mission of the parish.

OFFERTORY HYMN

**1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,**

most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.

2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, but ruling in might;
your justice like mountains high soaring above,
your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3. You give life to all, Lord, to both great and small,
in all life now living, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on a tree,
then wither: but ever unchanged you will be.

4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
your angels adore you, all veiling their sight;
of all your rich graces this grace, Lord, impart -
take the veil from our faces, the veil from our heart.

5. All praise we would render: reveal to our sight
what hides you is only the splendour of light;
and so let your glory, Almighty, impart,
through Christ in the story, your Christ to the heart.

Walter Chalmers Smith 1824-1908 alt
TIS 143

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

♪ The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The priest continues in thanksgiving...

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord,** *here it is customary to make a low bow from the waist*
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
♪ **Blessed ☩ is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**
Hosanna in the highest.

The priest continues with the prayer of consecration...

It is customary when the bells ring at the elevation of the Sacrament to make the
☩ Sign of the Cross

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

♪ **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues...

... we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:

♪ **Blessing and honour and glory and power**
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:

♪ **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom**
come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass
against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body:

For we all share in the one bread.

The priest breaks the bread while the Agnus Dei is sung

♪ **O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

All baptised Christians who seek Christ in this sacrament are invited to receive Holy Communion. Anyone is welcome to receive a blessing instead.

During Communion the Parish Choir sing the Motet, 'O Nata Lux' by Thomas Tallis.

Notices may be given here, after which please stand.

The priest prays this post-communion prayer

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The priest pronounces this blessing:

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, fill you with radiance
and scatter the darkness from your path. **Amen.**

Christ, the Sun of Righteousness,
gladden your eyes and warm your heart. **Amen.**

Christ, the Dayspring from on high,
draw near to guide your feet into the way of peace. **Amen.**

here it is customary to bow, or genuflect on the left knee and the blessing of God
almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and
remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

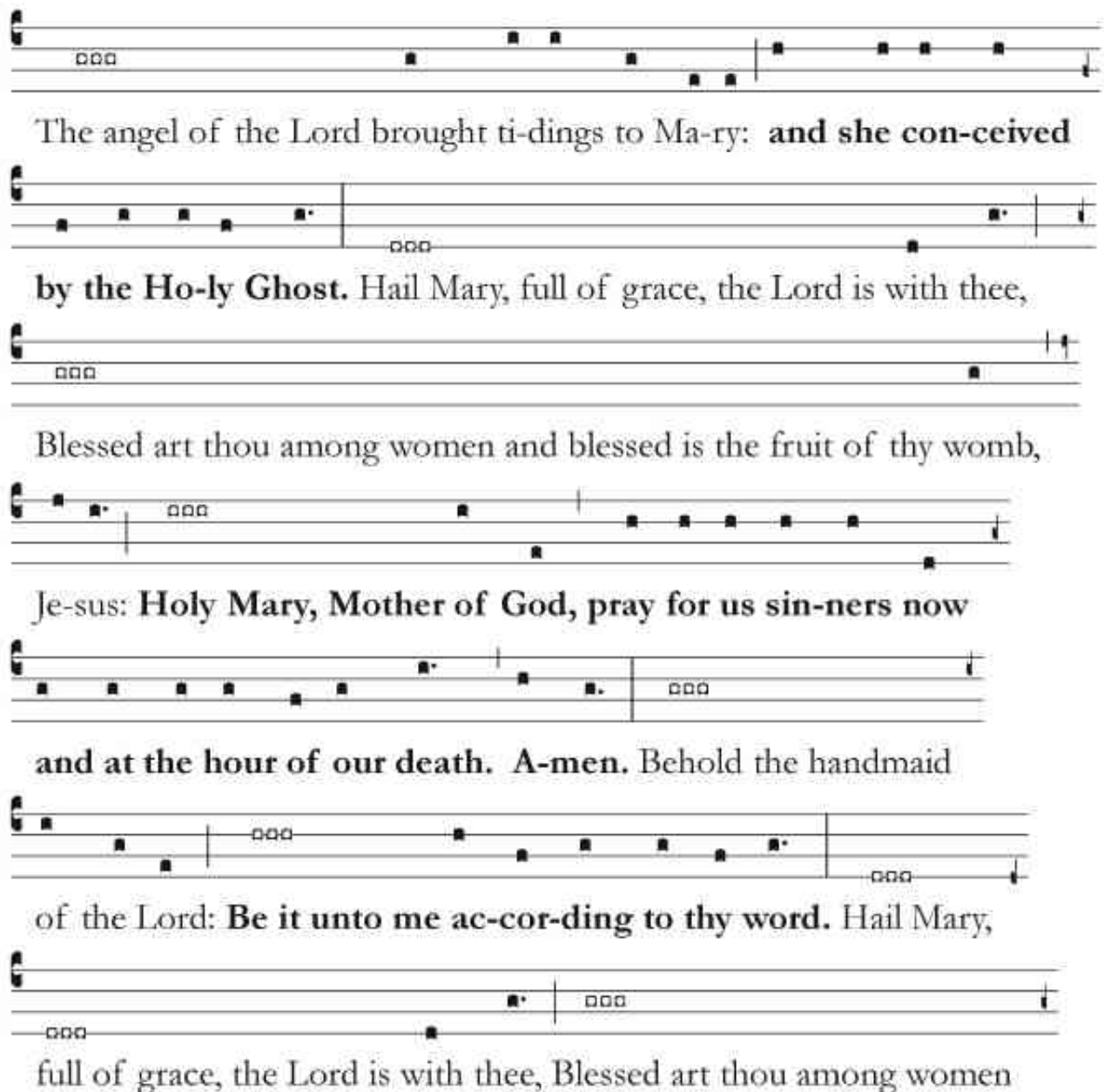
1. God, you are clothed with light,
as with a garment fair,
and in your holy sight
the saints your beauty wear;
the heavens and all therein express
the glory of your holiness.
2. Give me a robe of light
that I may walk with you:
bright as the stars are bright,
pure as their light is pure;
whose texture sin shall never stain,
but ever undefiled remain.
3. But can a sinner dare,
in rags, and sore ashamed,
lift up to God the prayer
which now my lips have framed,
while glowing seraphs fold their wings,
and pour their sinless offerings?

4. O Christ, I lift my eyes;
your love for me I own;
in your great sacrifice
remains my hope alone;
the robe is mine, my soul to dress,
of everlasting righteousness.

*Hymn from the Russian Church
tr. John Brownlie 1857-1925 alt
TIS 193*

THE ANGELUS

The bell strikes three sets of three as all face Mary at the foot of the Crucifixion Rood



The angel of the Lord brought ti-dings to Ma-ry: **and she con-ceived**

by the Ho-ly Ghost. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,

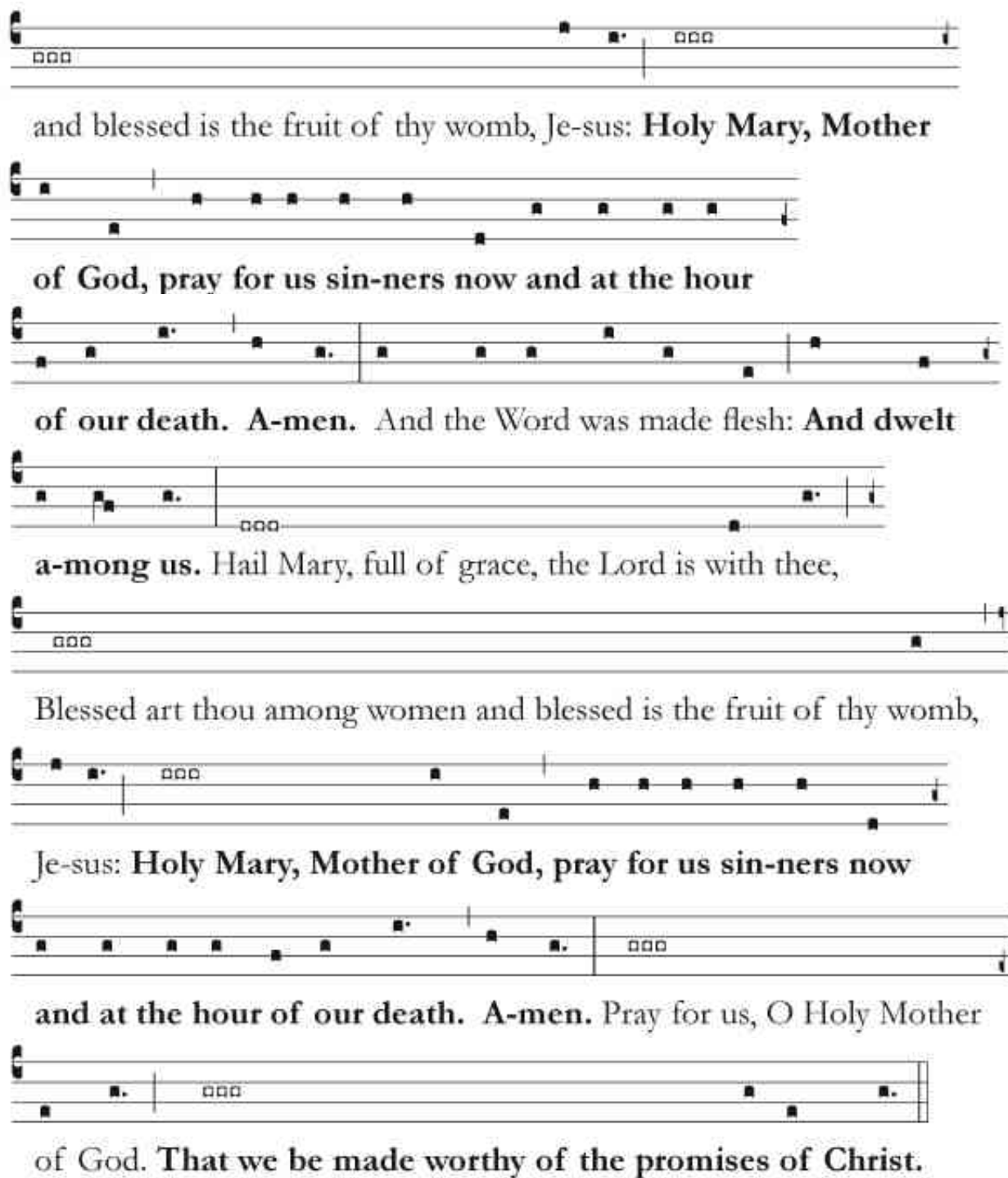
Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,

Je-sus: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sin-ners now

and at the hour of our death. A-men. Behold the handmaid

of the Lord: **Be it unto me ac-cor-ding to thy word.** Hail Mary,

full of grace, the Lord is with thee, Blessed art thou among women



and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Je-sus: **Holy Mary, Mother**

of God, pray for us sin-ners now and at the hour

of our death. **A-men.** And the Word was made flesh: **And dwelt**

a-mong us. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,

Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,

Je-sus: **Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sin-ners now**

and at the hour of our death. **A-men.** Pray for us, O Holy Mother

of God. That we be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

The bell strikes nine times as the priest sings the Collect

Let us pray.

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that, as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his ✠ cross and passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

[Book of Common Prayer, 1662]

The organist plays the Postlude

Please join us for Morning Tea.

ROSTER	9 August 2026	16 August 2026
8.00am Eucharist		
Welcomer	Gayle Arden	Lorraine Bisdee
Server	Joel Ringrose	Sally Wallis
Readers	Roxane Hislop	Joel Ringrose
9:30am Eucharist		
Welcomers	John Stuckey Rosemary Wickett	Maree Campbell Jenny Mills
Sub-Deacon	Jane Dwyer	Sebastian Harvey
Crucifer	Tim Clarke	Rick Burman
Acolytes	NA	William & Mani
Gospel Bearer	Beatrix	Beatrix
Thurifer	TBA	TBA
Readers	Anne Kerin David Reece	Sue Lockey Bron Williams
Intercessor	NA	NA
Organist	Yi-Shuen Chan	Tim Clarke
Post-Service Hospitality	Chris Martin & Robin Richards	Niki Morshedi & Betty Ladbury
6.00pm		
Welcomers	--	Oscar Yas
Readers	--	John Jobling Joel Ringrose
Organist	--	Yi-Shuen Chan
Post Service Hospitality	--	Chris & Anne Martin
Weekly Duties		
Flowers (for the Sunday)	Robin Richards & Niki Morshedi	Lou Robinson & Clare
Bins (for the week after Sunday)	David Richards <i>Recycling & Garbage</i>	David Arden <i>Garden & Garbage</i>



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